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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6935

BILL NUMBER: SB 256

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2011

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Wyss

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. *Name Change* – It changes the name of the Correctional Peace Officer's Fund to the Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana ("fund").
- B. *Role of Commissioner* – It requires the Commissioner of the Department of Correction (DOC) to designate a nonprofit corporation to administer the fund. It provides that payment of monetary assistance from the fund is subject to the approval of the Commissioner.
- C. *Catastrophic Events* – It adds catastrophic events, as determined by the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation, to the list of purposes for which monetary assistance may be paid from the fund.
- D. It makes a technical correction to delete a reference to a repealed statute.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The currently named Correctional Peace Officer's Fund receives money from the following sources: grants, donations, employee contributions, and appropriations. The money is administered by the fund's board of directors. No appropriation was made through the state budget for this fund for the 2012 - 2013 biennium.

According to the DOC website, this is a 501(c)3 charitable fund and provides short-term immediate monetary assistance to DOC employees or their immediate family members if they "suffer a loss from a natural disaster or catastrophic accident", or if an employee dies at the workplace or otherwise while on duty. Adding "suffering from other catastrophic events" will make the statute comply with the current practice of providing

assistance to these groups of people.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Indiana Department of Correction.

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